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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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| <p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>6</u> sheets.</p>   |  |
| <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p> |  |

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International application No.

PCT/EP00/04706

## I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 3-7, as originally filed,  
pages 5, filed with the demand,  
pages 1, 1a, 2, 2a, as amended under Article 19,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
Nos. 1-9, as amended under Article 19,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/5-5/5, as originally filed,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N)                   | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES |
|                               | Claims |       | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES |
|                               | Claims |       | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1 - 8 | YES |
|                               | Claims |       | NO  |

**2. Citations and explanations**

In the light of the international search report citations, the invention defined in the independent claim is considered to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1); in other words, the invention appears to be novel and industrially applicable and to involve an inventive step.